

FORTUNE BRANDS INC  
Form 8-K  
April 01, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): March 31, 2009**

**Fortune Brands, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
  
of Incorporation)

**1-9076**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-3295276**  
(IRS Employer

**520 Lake Cook Road**

**Deerfield, IL 60015**

**Identification No.)**

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

847-484-4400

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT**

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) Due to his transition to the office of President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company's home and hardware business, Mr. Christopher J. Klein, Senior Vice President of Fortune Brands, Inc. ( Fortune Brands or the Company ), resigned as an officer of the Company effective at the close of business on March 31, 2009.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Mark A. Roche  
Name: Mark A. Roche  
Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary

Date: April 1, 2009